

DECISION

Dispute Codes: OPR, MNR, MNSD, FF

This hearing dealt with an application by the landlord for an order of possession, a monetary order and an order to retain the security deposit in partial satisfaction of the claim.

On November 1, 2008, the landlord collected a security deposit from the tenant in the amount of \$400.00. The tenancy began on November 2, 2008. Rent in the amount of \$820.00 is payable in advance on the first day of each month. The tenant failed to pay rent in the month of December and on December 17, the landlord served the tenant with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent. The tenant further failed to pay rent in the month of January.

Based on the landlord's testimony, I find that the tenant was served with a notice to end tenancy for non-payment of rent. The tenant has not paid the outstanding rent and has not applied for dispute resolution to dispute the notice and is therefore conclusively presumed to have accepted that the tenancy ended on the effective date of the notice. Based on the above facts, I find that the landlord is entitled to an order of possession. The tenant must be served with the order of possession. Should the tenant fail to comply with the order, the order may be filed in the Supreme Court of British Columbia and enforced as an order of that Court.

The landlord is seeking to recover from the tenant outstanding rent for the month of December in the amount of \$620.00. The tenant is currently still living in the rental unit. The landlord is therefore seeking to include a claim for loss of income for the month of January in the amount of \$820.00. I find that the tenant should reasonably have known that the landlord could not re-rent the unit while he was still in residence and I allow the claim for a further \$820.00.

The landlord is also seeking to recover from the tenant outstanding utilities charges of \$100.00 the period from November 2 to December 31, 2008. The tenant did not dispute that he had not paid any utility charges. I therefore allow the claim of \$100.00 for outstanding utility charges.

Based on the above, I find that the landlord has established a claim for \$620.00 in unpaid rent, \$820.00 for loss of income and \$100.00 for outstanding utility charges. The landlord is also entitled to recovery of the \$50.00 filing fee. I order that the landlord retain the security deposit and interest of \$401.00 in partial satisfaction of the claim and I grant the landlord an order under section 67 for the balance due of \$1189.00. This order may be filed in the Small Claims Court and enforced as an order of that Court.

Dated January 26, 2009.